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I believe that I am the original inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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the specification of which (check only one):

- ☒ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed as United States Patent Application  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)
- ☐ was filed as PCT Patent Application  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended under PCT Article 19  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims of this application in accordance with Title 37, CFR §1.56. I also acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by us on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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COUNTRY (if PCT indicate PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119 (YES/NO)
PCT	PCT/US01/46762 ✓	November 8, 2001 ✓	Yes

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Application Number(s)		
60/246,689	November 8, 2000 ✓	
60/246,707	November 8, 2000 ✓	
60/246,708	November 8, 2000 ✓	
60/246,709	November 8, 2000 ✓	

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**- As the named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agents associated with HISCOCK & BARCLAY, LLP, Customer No. 44331, to prosecute the above-identified application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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Wherefore I petition that letters patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the above referenced application specification and claims, and hereby subscribe my name to said specification and claims and to the foregoing declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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